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- 11. Department wishes to express its appreciation to Mission UNVIE Vienna and Embassies Berlin and Paris for your expertise, responsiveness and effectiveness in managing the recent IAEA budget negotiations and in reaching out to the Governments of France and Germany in support of those negotiations. As a result of your hard work and lobbying in capitals, France, Germany and other key players joined consensus on a real increase to the budget of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for 2010-2011 at the August 3 Special Session of the IAEA Board of Governors in Vienna.
- 12. The Administration has included nonproliferation, disarmament and combating nuclear terrorism among the top U.S. foreign policy priorities, and this increase in IAEA resources is a victory for U.S. multilateral diplomacy. We strongly commend Posts for the time and effort spent on this marathon negotiation and on helping the Department build consensus on this thorny issue. These efforts have positioned the U.S. well for the IAEA General Conference in September and to continue to exercise effective leadership in future deliberations of the IAEA.